



March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m.

***Palm Sunday  
World of Tension, Christ Among Us***

**Prelude** Ester Funk and Annie Schulz  
**Gathering Thoughts** David Brubacher  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

***All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord!***

Leader: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** *All glory, laud, and honor* HWB #237, vv. 1,3,5

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *Blessed Are You* Grace Singers

**Prayers of the People** David Brubacher

**Grace Singers** *Hosanna, Rejoice and Sing!*

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT p.565)

**Hymn** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB #238

**Scripture Reading** Mark 11:1-11, 15-19 (NT p.106)

**Meditation** "Well What Were You Expecting?" Mac Plunkett

**Hymn of Response** *Ride on to Die* Diana Lantin

**Benediction** Mac Plunkett

**Sending Hymn** *Ride on, ride on in Majesty* HWB #239, vv.1,4

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!  
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.***

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

## **Adult Sunday School today.**

We will be studying chapters 22-24 of *The Bible Unwrapped*. Please feel free to attend in the Fellowship Room after the service.

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance – 46

**Good Friday Service** ~ March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. with Communion, and Coffee Time after the service.

**Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** Speaker: Darrell Winger

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Isaiah 25:6-9; **John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43**

**Coffee Time after the service.**

🎵 **Women's Chorus** ~ March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



**Grace Telephone Directory** ~ A new directory will be coming out soon! Please notify Ester in the office by April 3<sup>rd</sup> of any changes to your information. Thanks!

### **Grace Peace Group**

March 27, 3:00 p.m. ~ Friendly meeting with our area MPs regarding Gaza.

May 4, afternoon ~ Mark your calendar for a workshop about strengthening relationships between local church congregations and our Palestinian neighbours.

For Grace Peace Group or Mennonite Action Niagara, contact John Rempel or Kit Andres.

## **ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD**

**"Seasons Chorale" will be performing on Good Friday**

3:00 p.m. at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church

(335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines). All Are Welcome!

(Elevator is available; please enter through front entrance)

**Scuba Vacation Bible Camp (St. Catharines UM Church) -- 4 or 5 more volunteers needed.** This is a way Grace could support a

great summer program for children, from SK to grade 6, running from July 15 - 19 from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. daily. Full program,

registration, and volunteering details will be available on the church website, along with a registration link. **If you could help out in any way or for more info,** contact Megan VandenBerg or Marian

Reimer Friesen ([marianfriesen@gmail.com](mailto:marianfriesen@gmail.com))



\*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Goshen Mennonite Church** in Ottawa, ON. Pastor François Machichi provides pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for them as they minister, predominantly in Swahili, and provide a safe and familiar place to newcomers in Canada.

**\*Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Gaza and throughout a world that cries for peace.** Pray for those who are displaced, those who search for family members, those who make decisions and those who attempt to provide aid. Lord, hear our prayers.



### **A Moment for MCC:**

#### **March 15 marked 13 years of conflict in Syria**

Ongoing conflict has left over 90% of Syria's population living below the poverty line. One in three people face food insecurity. MCC partners are providing food and other immediate relief, and working with the Syrian people to build a peaceful future. We ask you to join us as we continue praying and working for peace in Syria.

<https://mcc.org/what-we-do/where-we-work/syria>

**MCC – Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ**

### **A Variety of Services for Farmworkers welcome your donations!**

1. NOTL Farmerworker Hub. Welcomes donations of men's clothing, household items, personal hygiene items, and health / sporting items. List on Community Engagement bulletin board.  
Contact info: 905-483-9717 or [farmerworkerhub@ccchurch.ca](mailto:farmerworkerhub@ccchurch.ca)  
<https://www.thehubnotl.ca/>
2. Migrant Farmworkers Project. Bikes for Farmworkers collects donated bikes, refurbishes them, and provides them to farmworkers for a nominal fee.  
Contact info: 905-685-3500 or [migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:migrantfarmworkers@niagaraanglican.ca)  
<https://migrantfarmworkers.ca/>
3. Niagara Workers Welcome. Donations welcomed for over 600 welcome kits that go to Caribbean men and women working in Niagara-on-the-Lake.  
Contact: [niagaraworkerswelcome@gmail.com](mailto:niagaraworkerswelcome@gmail.com)  
<https://www.workerswelcomeniagara.com/>

**Inviting you and yours to a "German Service on a Sunday Afternoon"** Honouring church history and the local historic Mennonite community... mark your calendars for a "German Service on a Sunday Afternoon" on Sunday April 21, 2:30 p.m. at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church (335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines). After the service in the sanctuary, we will gather for light refreshments in the gym. Looking forward to singing, sharing, and engaging with each other in the German "heart language".  
Alle Willkommen! All Welcome! (Elevator to sanctuary/gym available; please enter through front entrance)

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***The Lord's Prayer***

*Our Father who art in heaven.  
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

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